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Bulova Byline

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I purchased my first home in Fairfax County in 1971. It was a brand new *Prince L*-shaped rambler in Kings Park West, backing up to Rabbits Run creek, which was later damned up to become Royal Lake.

My husband and I discovered Kings Park West by accident. We had been house hunting for weeks in Annandale and were discouraged that the houses there were a bit beyond our price range. On a beautiful early winter day we decided to take the day off from our search to go exploring along country roads instead.

We tucked our baby son, David, into his car seat and began our adventure winding along a narrow, twisty two lane road that was an early alignment of Route 123. We veered off on a gravel and dirt road through the woods, eventually arriving at a clearing with a macadam road. A brick monument sign advertised “new homes.” We both got out of the car and looked around stunned. “Holy cow!” My husband exclaimed, “These people are going to have one hell of a commute!”

Later, in one of the model homes, we were able to orient ourselves. The dirt road we had been navigating was Guinea Road. The main entrance into the new houses, however, was just off Braddock Road about six miles west of the Beltway. In 1971 Braddock was just two lanes wide and mostly dirt and gravel west of Route 123.

Not yet in existence were: the WMATA rail system, the Fairfax County Parkway, the VRE, nor the Connector Bus System. Dulles Airport was brand new and considered a “white elephant” because of its location in Chantilly “way out in the middle of nowhere.” The Beltway, originally called the *Circumferential Highway*, was only ten years old. Construction of I-66 from Virginia into Washington DC would be held up in the courts until 1977 and then not opened to traffic until the 1980’s.

I like to use this context when responding to questions about **The Transformation of Tysons – as well as other redeveloping areas of the County**. Just as our County has grown during the past forty years since our family moved into Kings Park West, we will continue during the next forty years to be a place where people will want to live, work, play and grow older comfortably. It is important for us to accommodate our future growth in ways that address the challenges our past auto-dependent development patterns have posed.

I am a believer in creating more **lifestyle choices** for County residents, to include

places where someone can live close to work, entertainment, shopping and transit – where someone like my dad can give up his car and still be able to enjoy visiting nearby restaurants and public spaces, where our younger residents can find an affordable place to live instead of moving somewhere else.

Inside this issue you can read about our first rezoning in accordance with **the new Comprehensive Plan for Tysons**. You can also visit our County homepage and [click on Tysons](#) to track the planning process for how we will allocate present and future funding to cover the costs for roads, libraries and other infrastructure needs.

You can find other **Major Planning Projects and Studies** for redeveloping our older parts of Fairfax County by going to www.fairfaxcounty.gov/living/landuse/

These are exciting times, with a new Metrorail extension being constructed through Fairfax County and the opportunities it affords us. In the South County area we are offering our residents new transit options, including *The Eagle Express*, which helps ease congestion associated with BRAC. The Capital Beltway and I-95 HOT Lanes projects will allow us to implement seamless bus and HOV service for commuters throughout the corridor. We are pursuing ways to make energy more efficient and sustainable, and ways to ensure clean water and air and attractive open spaces for all of us to enjoy. I look forward to sharing information about all of these things in this and future issues of the Byline.

Sincerely,



Sharon Bulova – Chairman, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors

ReadyNova.com Helps You Develop an Emergency Plan

[ReadyNova.com](#) was designed to assist **residents and businesses** in the Northern Virginia region in developing a **Family Preparedness Planner** or a **Business Preparedness Planner**, both of which follow basic and accepted emergency management practices.

The Family Preparedness Planner provides an easy to use tool for families in Fairfax County to develop their emergency plan, a family communications plan, and guidelines for developing their emergency survival kit.

The **Business Preparedness Planner** provides a detailed process for Fairfax County businesses to

develop their emergency plan, including continuity of operations, communications plans and to identify the process for return to their facility after a disaster event.

Both the Family Preparedness Planner and the Business Preparedness Planner are user-friendly applications that meet ADA requirements for accessibility.

Additionally, user privacy is guaranteed: no personal or business information is saved by the website or either Planner application.

95/395 HOT Lanes Project Advances

Last week, Fairfax County residents were given the chance to learn about the revised **HOT Lanes project on I-395 and I-95**. While the scope of the project is not what was originally planned, it will still relieve congestion and provide direct access to Tysons Corner from points south.

HOT lanes allow vehicles with fewer than three passengers to pay a toll, based on traffic at the time they enter the lanes, to ride in the HOV lanes. **Cars with three passengers will still be able to ride for free (HOV-3) just as they do now.** The same goes for buses.

Construction of the new HOT Lanes should begin in late spring 2012. [This very informative video](#) created by VDOT was shown at three public meetings held in Prince William, Fairfax and Stafford counties last week.



The I-95/395 HOT Lanes project will:

- Extend a two-lane 9-mile extension of the existing HOV lanes **from Dumfries to Garrisonville Road in Stafford County**
- **Widen existing I-95 HOV lanes from two to three lanes** across 14 miles between the Prince William Parkway to approximately two miles north of the Springfield Interchange in the vicinity of Edsall Road
- Make improvements to the existing two HOV lanes for six miles from **Route 234 to the Prince William Parkway**
- Create a **seamless connection** to the HOV/HOT Lanes on the **Capital Beltway** and into **Tysons Corner**
- Add new or improved access to and from the HOV/HOT network at key interchanges, including Garrisonville Road, Joplin Road, Prince William County Parkway, Fairfax County Parkway, Franconia-Springfield Parkway, I-495 and the vicinity of Edsall Road

Sheriff's Office Helps Parents Monitor Kids' Online Activity

The Fairfax County Sheriff's Office is offering parents Internet monitoring software to help them quickly and easily assess what their children are doing online. The ComputerCOP software scans the computer for potentially objectionable images and text associated with pornography, drugs, weapons or violence.

The ComputerCOP software will be available free of charge for Fairfax County residents at child identification/fingerprinting events sponsored by the Sheriff's Office. Please visit fairfaxcounty.gov/sheriff/news/fingerprint.htm or facebook.com/fairfaxcountysheriff for a list of upcoming events.

First Rezoning Case Meets Ambitious Goals of Tysons Corner Plan

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors on Sept. 23 **approved the first redevelopment plan** for transforming Tysons Corner into a walkable, liveable urban downtown for Fairfax County. The rezoning project by the Georgelas Group was selected to be the demonstration project to show how the “vision” for Tysons Corner can be achieved through a comprehensive plan.

I am excited to see this wonderful project advance. It is truly a demonstration – it shows the plan can work, that the affordable housing, transportation, environmental and public safety goals can be met, and that developers, landowners, businesses and residents have much to gain from the redevelopment of Tysons Corner.



When we were selecting a demonstration project, we knew we would need a patient, thoughtful and pragmatic developer to join us at the table and help ensure the Tysons vision was realized in a way that would benefit all parties. I thank Aaron Georgelas and his staff for filling that role. Not only did his company bring expertise and experience to the table, they showed a willingness to work with us to find a practical way to implement the plan.

The Tysons Corner redevelopment plan lays out a vision for a **vibrant urban center**. To realize that vision, the plan sets certain goals related to transportation, housing, public services and the environment. For the **Spring Hill Station** development we approved, significant improvements will be made by the developer to Greensboro Drive. Additionally, the Georgelas Group has committed to participating in a future tax district to fund transportation improvements.

The Spring Hill Station project **meets the 20 percent workforce housing goal** laid out in the Tysons plan. Speaking at the public hearing yesterday, Mr. Georgelas said he was supportive of the workforce housing goal and that it is needed for the vision of Tysons to become a reality. Consistent with the requirement for new development in Tysons to address public facility needs, **a new fire station will be constructed** by the Georgelas Group at Spring Hill Station. Since the vision sees 100,000 residents in Tysons, services like police, fire and EMS, and schools will be critical to its success as a vibrant downtown.

The Tysons plan also includes ambitious environmental goals. Throughout the process, the Georgelas Group has shown a **dedication to environmental stewardship and has made a commitment to not just preserving but creating attractive open public spaces** throughout their development. The five residential



towers will receive certification through the LEED program or another rating system. Working through the demonstration project has taught us many important lessons about the Tysons plan. With a number of applications in the pipeline, we appreciate having the experience with the Georgelas group to guide future rezoning projects.

Board Takes Action to End Water Rate Inequity

Last week, our Board adopted a [report by the Consumer Protection Committee \(CPC\)](#) that recommended action to make sure Fairfax County residents are treated fairly by their water service providers. This step is the latest action in a lengthy dispute over the cost of water for County residents served by the City of Falls Church. This action was prompted by Falls Church overcharging County residents for decades while transferring the “profits” of the water service to its general fund (totaling \$58 million).

Most Fairfax County residents receive their water from Fairfax Water. Several smaller providers operate in the County that serve the City of Falls Church, the Town of Vienna and the City of Fairfax. In some places their service areas overlap into the county.

The CPC report recommends setting a limit on the rates charged to our residents and making the Fairfax Water Authority the exclusive provider for new water customers in Fairfax County (in new developments and redevelopments).

It is important to note that this is the beginning of the process. The Board has asked staff to develop plans for moving forward with the CPC’s recommendations. A public hearing will be held before the Board, most likely in December, so that affected residents and stakeholders may comment on the change.

Fairfax Water is conducting outreach to explain this suggested course of action to Fairfax residents and businesses. I am committed to making sure our Fairfax County residents and corporate neighbors have fair and affordable access to water services in the future.

Flood Cleanup Continues; Sign up for Emergency Alerts

Last week I [sent a letter to Virginia Gov. Bob McDonnell](#) asking him to expedite the repairs to Fairfax County roads following the devastating floods caused by Tropical Storm Lee earlier this month. While VDOT's initial response to the damage was commendable, many roads around the County remain closed or damaged.

For the latest road closure information visit VDOT’s Northern Virginia newsroom by [clicking here](#).

I want to take this opportunity to again encourage everyone to sign up for emergency alerts. Our Public Affairs Office has created and a wonderful resource for emergency preparation and response. You can sign up to get emails whenever the [Emergency Blog is updated here](#). You can also sign up for alerts from the

[Community Emergency Action Network](#), or CEAN. Messages can come in texts, emails or voice messages (or all three).

On Page 2 of this Byline, you can find more information on ReadyNOVA.com, a place for businesses and families to make an emergency response plan.



Oak Hill Day Coming Up on October 15th

Fall is a wonderful time of year. The heat of summer is gone, the leaves are turning, and Oak Hill Day is right around the corner! This annual event celebrates one of Fairfax County's most interesting historic properties. If you have not toured the mansion or walked through the 200-year-old boxwood groves, you are in for a treat.

Please join me on **October 15th at Historic Oak Hill at 4716 Wakefield Chapel Road in Annandale from 12-5**. Since we are in the midst of the 150th anniversary of the Civil War, this year's program will focus on Oak Hill's history during that time.



In the afternoon, Fairfax County resident and historian Don Hakenson will give a talk on Confederate Colonel John S. Mosby's actions in Fairfax County during the Civil War. Don is the past President for the Stuart-Mosby Historical Society and no doubt will give a very interesting presentation. The next presentation will focus on Civil War actions along Braddock Road given by Mike Mitchell. This will be followed by a talk on women soldiers during the Civil War given by Mary Lipsey.

Oak Hill is a privately owned 18th century Georgian-style home that was **preserved in 2004 when I led the Board of Supervisors, the Park Authority Board and the Northern Virginia Conservation Trust** to



negotiate the purchase of an historic easement from Seville Homes. The easement ensures that the original landscaping and boxwoods remain intact and that the house remains true to its original character, allowing a **unique opportunity to preserve an important piece of the history of our area for generations to come**. Working with my group, **A Look Back at Braddock Committee**, we hold an annual celebration at Oak Hill, one of the oldest surviving homes in Fairfax County, to celebrate this local history.

The home and adjacent property are part of the original Fitzhugh land grant, the **Ravensworth Tract** - totaling more than 22,000 acres - dating from the 1670s. This was one of three plantations owned by the Fitzhugh family and today the original home remains intact along with much of the historic landscape, including the 200-year-old boxwoods.

I hope to see you at this exciting event! Along with the main program, there will be ongoing tours of the first floor of the Oak Hill mansion, food, music and children's activities. Parking is located offsite at 4414 Holborn Avenue at the Nancy Sprague Technology Center in Annandale. A free shuttle bus service will provide visitors with convenient transportation.

For more information contact Christina Fullmer in my office at 703-324-2321, TTY 711.



When: Oct. 15, 12-5pm
Where: 4716 Wakefield Chapel Road, Annandale
Parking: Free Shuttle from 4414 Holborn Avenue at the Nancy Sprague Technology Center
No pets please

Community Spotlight: Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna

This article was written by Jayne P. Young, administrator of Shepherd's Center. If you would like your organization highlighted in a Community Spotlight, email Clayton Medford at clayton.medford@fairfaxcounty.gov

Can you imagine how difficult life would be if you could not drive or had no one to help with minor home repairs or just a friendly voice to touch base with you? Elise, who is in her nineties, was faced with this situation and came to the **Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna** (SCOV) for help. Our volunteers drive her to both doctor's appointments and to the grocery store and also provide much needed socialization for her.

Not everyone who uses SCOV's services is elderly, although all are over fifty. One recent client was a young senior, age 53, who had broken her hand and couldn't drive for a few months. She lived alone. A SCOV volunteer provided transportation for her until she was able to drive again.

SCOV's goal is to enable seniors to remain independent and engaged. They answer family inquiries about services for aging parents and make referrals to community resources. SCOV volunteers assist with minor home repairs, downsizing and decluttering, record keeping and they make regular calls and visits to senior friends.

Not only does SCOV strive to help seniors **"age in place,"** it also offers educational enrichment programs like T'ai chi, bridge lessons, a health series and both world and national affairs presentations. SCOV also sponsors a quarterly luncheon series, trips to local destinations, a care givers support group, just to name a few.

All SCOV services are provided free of charge and thus the organization also presents various fund raising opportunities to help fund their mission. **For more information about our October 23 event featuring humorist Jeanne Robertson, call 703-281-0538 or visit www.scov.org**

Civil War Events, Commemorations Happening in October

We've got another exciting month of Civil War events coming up. Here are just a couple I want to highlight:

Click here for a complete list of events happening in and around Fairfax County

First Sesquicentennial Tour Commemorating the Civil War in Fairfax County – 1861

Address: 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station

Times: **Saturday, Oct. 8** 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM

Phone: (703) 250-7109

Admission: \$25-30

John McAnaw of the Bull Run Civil War Round Table will lead the tour on Saturday. Seldom seen sites, including earthworks in and around Centreville, the site of Mt. Gilead and Union fortifications defending Fairfax Station will be some of the stops.

A Civil War Film Festival on the Village Green

Address: Georgetown Pike & Walker Road, Great Falls

Times: 7 to 11 pm

Phone: (703) 759-2485

Admission: FREE

10/8 Shenandoah

10/8 Friendly Persuasion

10/15 Glory (Rated R)

10/15 Red Badge of Courage (Rated R)

10/22 Gettysburg

Fire Prevention Week in Fairfax County Oct. 9-15

October 9th to 15th is Fire Prevention Week in Fairfax County. At the presentation of the proclamation on Sept. 27, Battalion Chief Carlton Burkhammer told the Board about the Fire Department's outreach efforts in 2011.

- Our Firefighters and Paramedics will reach out to over 140,000 residents and deliver fire safety education
- The Fire Marshal's Office will conduct 38,000 inspections
- The Life Safety Education Section will provide fire safety education to over 40,000



- Our Life safety Education Section targets children and older adults through the ***Every Step of the Way Program***; they provide fire safety education to every third grader in Fairfax County through the ***Project SAFE Program*** and our Firefighters and Paramedics will provide free smoke alarm distribution and installation.
- Fairfax Fire and Rescue will be hosting a **Fire Prevention Week Open House at every Fire and Rescue Station on October 15th from 10-4pm.**
- Let us help remind you that it can happen to you and how you can better prevent fires and better *Protect your Family from Fire.*

Fairfax County Receives Governor's Tech Award for Mobile Apps

Fairfax County on Sept. 26 received the Governor's Technology Award for innovation in local government for its **mobile applications**. The award was presented at the annual Commonwealth of Virginia's Innovative Technology Symposium.

Introduced this year, the county's iPhone/iPad, Android and BlackBerry mobile apps place government in the palm of your hand through 24/7 access to government information and services.

With the explosive growth in mobile technology and consumer use of smart devices, Fairfax County Government is reshaping the public's experience by

delivering information in a more convenient, accessible platform.

This first version of the app includes a variety of features, along with the ability to search the entire website for the information or navigate through the county's mobile website m.fairfaxcounty.gov.

The app includes alerts, daily headlines from NewsWire, one-touch calling of our most important numbers, calendars, access to the library catalog and other services, assistance in finding government offices and services, links to social media, quick access to Board of Supervisors info, and links to transportation resources such as the Fairfax Connector bus and Metro.

November 8

Election Guide

What's on my ballot?

Enter your name at this site to find out what candidates are on your ballot, check registration status and learn where you go to vote on November 8:

<http://bit.ly/VoteFairfax> (link to State Board of Elections site)

Hours: Polls are open from **6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Election Day**

In-Person Voter Registration Deadline: Monday, **October 17**, 4:30 p.m.

(If you are registered at your current address, you do not need to register again)

By Mail Voter Registration Deadline: Postmarked by **October 17**.

Deadline to apply by mail, fax or email (voting@fairfaxcounty.gov) for a **mailed absentee ballot** - **Tuesday, November 1, 2011 at 5:00pm**

To vote absentee in-person - Saturday, November 5, 2011 at 5:00 p.m.

All mailed absentee ballots must be received at **the Office of Elections by 7:00 p.m. on Election Day**

In-Person Absentee Voting is Now Available at the Office of Elections

Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Suite 323, Fairfax 22035

September 23 through October 21, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.,
Thursdays 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

October 24 through November 4, 2011, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Saturdays, October 8, 29 and November 5, 2011, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

NOTE: The Office of Elections will be closed on Monday, October 10, 2011 (Columbus Day)

Virginia Senate Candidates

30th District

Adam P. Ebbin - D
ebbinforvirginia.com

Timothy T. C. McGhee - R
timmcghee.us

31st District

Barbara A. Favola - D
barbarafavola.org/

Caren D. Merrick - R
carenmerrick.com

32nd District

Janet D. Howell - D
janethowell.com

Patrick N. Forrest - R
forrest2011.com

33rd District

Patricia B. Phillips - R
patriciaphillips.org

Mark R. Herring - D
markherring.org

34th District

J. C. "Chap" Peterson - D
fairfaxsenator.com

Gerarda M. Culipher - R
teamculipher.com

35th District

Richard L. Saslaw - D
dicksaslaw.com

Robert C. Sarvis - R
robertsarvis.com

Katherine Ann Pettigrew-IG

36th District

Linda T. "Toddy" Puller - D
toddy.org

Jeffrey M. Frederick - R
votejeff.com

37th District

Dave W. Marsden - D
marsdenforsenate.com

Jason A. Flanary - R
jasonflanary.com

39th District

George Lincoln Barker - D
senatorbarker.com

M. Miller Baker - R
millerbaker.org

Virginia House Candidates

34th District

Barbara J. Comstock - R
comstockfordelegate.com

Pamela B. Danner - D

35th District

Mark L. Keam - D
markkeam.com

36th District

Hugh M. "Mac" Cannon - R
cannonfordelegate.com

Kenneth R. "Ken" Plum - D
kenplum.com

37th District

David L. Bulova - D
davidbulova.com

Brian W. Schoeneman - R
brianfordelegate.com

38th District

L. Kaye Kory - D
kayekory.com

James L. "Jim" Leslie - IG

39th District

Vivian E. Watts - D
vivianwatts.com

Dimitris A. Kolazas - I

40th District

Tim Hugo-R
timhugo.com

Dianne L. Blais - I

diannefordelegate.com

41st District

Eileen Filler-Corn - D
eileenfillercorn.com

Mike R. Kane - L
kanefordelegate.com

42nd District

David B. Albo - R
davealbo.com

Jack Dobbyn, Jr. - D
jackdobbyn.com

43rd District

Mark D. Sickles - D
marksickles.com

44th District

Scott A. Surovell - D
scottsurovell.org

John D. Barsa - R
votebarsa.blogspot.com

Joseph A. "Joe" Glean -
rise-to-the-rescue.com

45th District

David L. Englin - D
davidenglin.org

46th District

Charniele L. Herring
charnieleherring.com

48th District

Robert H. Brink - D
bobbbrink.org/

Janet Murphy - IG

Kathy Gillette-Mallard

49th District

Alfonso H. Lopez - D
alfonsofordelegate.com

53rd District

Jim Scott - D
delegatejimscott.com

67th District

Jim LeMunyon - R
lemunyon.com

Eric E. Clingan - D
clinganfordelegate.com

86th District

Tom Rust - R
tomrust.org

Board of Supervisors Candidates

Chairman

Sharon S. Bulova - D

sharonbulova.com

Michael "Spike" Williams-R

vote4williams.com

Christopher F. DeCarlo - I

A. Will Radle, Jr. - I

Braddock District

John C. Cook – R

johncook4supervisor.com

Janet S. Oleszek – D

janetforbraddock.com

Carey C. Campbell - I

Dranesville District

John W. Foust – D

foustforsupervisor.com

Dennis D. Husch - R

dhusch.com

Mason District

Penelope A. "Penny" Gross – D

pennygross.com

M. David Feld - R

4feld.com

Mount Vernon District

Gerry Hyland – D

gerryhyland.com

G. Gail Parker – I

gailparker.us/

Providence District

Linda Q. Smyth – D

lindasmyth.com

Chris S. Grisafe - R

chrisgrisafe.com

Sully District

Michael R. Frey - R

michaelfrey.org

Shahid S. Malik - D

Uncontested: Springfield, Lee, and Hunter Mill districts.

Fairfax County School Board Candidates

School Board At Large (Vote for not more than three)

Sheree A. Brown-Kaplan

brownkaplan4schoolboard.com

Lin-Dai Y. Kendall

lindai.webs.com/

Lolita I. Mancheno-Smoak

lolita4schoolboard.com

Ryan L. McElveen

ryanforschoolboard.com

Ilryong Moon

moon4schools.com

Steven M. F. Stuban

stubanforschoolboard.com

Theodore J. "Ted" Velkoff

tv4sb.org

(Vote for not more than one)

Braddock District

Nell J. Hurley

nellhurley.com

Megan O. McLaughlin

mclaughlinforschoolboard.com

Hunter Mill District

Pat M. Hynes

hynesforschoolboard.com

Nancy A. Linton

nancylintonforschoolboard.org

Dranesville District

Louise K. Epstein

louiseepstein4schoolboard.com

Jane K. "Janie" Strauss

janiestrauss.com

Lee District

Tamara J. Derenak Kaufax

kaufaxforschools.com

Mason District

Sandy S. Evans

evans4sb.org

Mount Vernon District

Michele Pilc Nellenbach

nellenbach.com/

Daniel G. "Dan" Storck

danstorck.org

Providence District

Patricia S. "Patty" Reed

reedforschoolboard.com

Springfield District

Elizabeth L. Schultz

elizabethschultzforschoolboard.com

John F. Wittman

Sully District

Sheila P. Ratnam

sheilaratnam.org

Kathy L. Smith

kathysmith.org